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In re Application of:

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Title: WINDOW SLEEVE FOR MOUNTING FRAMED WINDOWS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

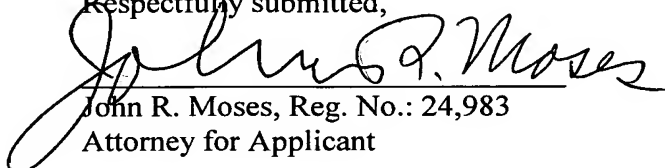
In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated December 12, 2005, Applicant elects the species of Figs. 1 and 2, wherein the molding 70 is broadly disclosed as being nailed, held with screws, adhered with adhesive or snapped in place. Claims 3, 4 and 6 read on the embodiment of Figs. 1 and 2.

With respect to this Restriction Requirement, independent claim 1, and dependent claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23 are generic to all of the molding arrangements disclosed.

Applicant respectfully traverses this Restriction Requirement. Clearly, how the arrangement of the moldings 70 shown in Fig. 1 are attached should not limit Applicant's patent protection. It would be burdensome beyond all reason to make the Applicant file separate patent applications to cover each of these molding arrangements when Applicant's small company has invented substantially in the concept claimed in the aforementioned generic claims. The burden on the Patent Examiner is light because the search areas for the molding arrangement overlap the search areas for the generic claims.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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